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maintaining the sidewalk and spoke about speed is a problem maybe it could be enforced or lowered. He felt it is an ill-advised project and does not see of any purpose.

Brian Bendig – 74 Nagog Hill Road, he is a private citizen tonight and wants to prevent further loss of rural aspect in town. He wanted to have the site reviewed by the State Agency and Conservation Commission. He also spoke about the building of this sidewalk and asked that before it is undertaken the Town should research it further. He was concerned about cost and maintenance. He has not reviewed the plans but felt that a mile long strip of asphalt with some crossing of water could be costly.

32 Nylander Way resident spoke about the trees and asked that they research this before they move forward. She wanted to know who would use this sidewalk and how the usage was determined, Andy would like to delay this vote and wanted to walk this site before making a decision.

ANDREW MAGEE –Moved to delay a decision on this until May 7th. PAULINA KNIBBE - second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

METHODS MACHINE TOOLS/MASSACHUSETTS STATE OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Lauren outlined the presentation that will be made tonight. She noted that on EDC they want to maintain existing business's to help them grow. She spoke about incentives from the State that could be applied. They have met with the EDC and were asked that they supply to the Board of Selectmen with the same presentation.

Mr. Duane made a presentation to the Board and felt it helps the Town as well as them. They are a high tech company that solves critical problems. They are a family owned company. Their customers are Fortune 100 companies. They have been in business a long time. They want to make their customers more productive. They are having an open house in Sudbury in May and invited the Board to attend.

They bought the building and felt that they would never fill it, but they have. This allows them to build a higher building because they need the height to use their cranes. It is critical that they do this right. They are on version 9; a lot of work has been put into this project. Mr. Duane said this project will be taking down the building and cost 11 to 15 million dollars. This program helps him as well as the Town.

Bonnie Biooci is the Regional Director of the State. They have the three way project, between the owner, local town and the State. The local business will approach the town interested in growing their business and want to look at incentive programs to help them expand. The Town would have to decide if it is something that could be done. Acton would have to become an Economic Opportunity Area which would be the site on Main Street. The Town could partner with Boxborough or Littleton. There is a leeway for the Town to make the decision on what amount of tax to be abated. Bonnie outlined the various program lengths that are available to discuss. Peter asked about 5% investment credit from the State.

Paulina asked about the length of time of the TIF. Bonnie said it would be negotiated by the Town and the 5% investment credit by the State.

Andy asked about the relationship and the negotiated level. The amount has to be 5% or above. Andy asked about giving this incentive to other business that may come forward.

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Bonnie noted that it will be up to the Selectmen. Andy asked about requirements for Green Building. Bonnie said it is not a requirement.

Lauren spoke about Boxboro's ETA when Cisco came in. Maynard and Littleton are signing on. Most applicants are interested with the tax incentives. Cisco has been a good employer in Boxborough despite the down turn. Lauren asked about other incentives for the Town.

Andy asked about the business not making it past year three, what happens in that case. The companies must file with the State and can initiate decertification.

Lauren asked to have staff look at this and see how we go about it.

LAUREN ROSENZWEIG – Moved to Direct staff to look into and talk to other towns about their experiences. PAULINA KNIBBE – second - UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Dore' noted we are interested and we will take any information Bonnie's office could send, as well as the invitations to the Open House to the Board.

COMMITTEE INTERVIEW, WILLIAM DICKINSON, ASSOCIATE MEMBER, HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Dore' asked why he wanted to serve. He is interested in old buildings and wants to preserve older buildings.

Peter asked about his interest in ACHC. He was interested in both but Historical Commission needed a member right a way.

ANDREW MAGEE – Moved to appoint Mr. Dickinson as an Associate Member of the Historical Commission for a term to end June 30, 2007, LAUREN ROSENZWEIG – second.
UNANIMOUS VOTE

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

Special Town Meeting – Cell Moratorium, single Article Special. ANDREW MAGEE - Moved to have the Special Town Meeting on May 10th to consider a Cell Tower moratorium and any receipt of applications for it. LAUREN ROSENZWEIG – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.
ANDREW MAGEE - Moved to close the warrant at the conclusion of tonight's meeting.
PAULINA KNIBBE – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

DISCUSSION OF APPROPRIATE TIMING GOAL FOR THE ARTICLE 39 COMMITTEE

Dore' wanted approval to have Peter select five to nine members.

Dore' noted that Bill Flood, Joe Higgins, Sid Johnston, David Williams and Bruce Reichlen have expressed interest.

Dore' discussed the planning for the Special Fall Meeting in late October with review by in September 15th.

Discussion of Board /Committee Liaison Assignments – Members will work with Dore' off line.

Discussion of Policy regarding scheduling and conduct of oversight hearings

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to approve the tree cutting but to delayed until all selectmen's concerns have been addressed. PETER BERRY – second. Vote 4-1 Andy No

Paulina spoke about the formation of a sidewalk committee. Dore' felt that this group could make a sensible order of the priority for sidewalks. Lauren let them know that Leslie Hogan and Maureen Geer would be willing to work with the committee.

Terra Friedrichs volunteered to serve on the sub-committee.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

METHOD MACHINES STATE TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Dore' spoke about Method Machines State tax incentive Program. The President of Method Machines is anxious to move forward. He will put this to a formal vote at an upcoming meeting. Lauren noted that Kristen Alexander is gathering materials and wants to see what EDC and Planning will provide. Paulina was pleased with the company. She wanted to minimize the taxes we will not be getting. Andy spoke about tax abatements and the benefits associated with them. Andy thinks this is a very clean company and they are expanding on a site they already occupy.

SCREENING COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW TOWN MANAGER

Peter Ashton was present to discuss the Screening Committee for the new Town Manager. Dore' said he wants to get the ad out into the arena and asked if any of the members had any questions. Paulina said we should not say Asian and replace with immigrant population. Paulina questioned Acton as an affluent community. She felt more comfortable with another term. Andy was concerned about the phrase immigrant and affluent community. He suggested an alternative. Paulina suggested Acton enjoys growing economic and cultural diversity

Lauren asked about keeping ALG reference in the ad, it was noted that would be discussed during the interview. Lauren asked about including the Town visions, it too will be discussed during the interview process.

Peter asked to consider the residency requirement. Dore' commented on the requirement and wanted the person to be a resident. Lauren looked into this issue on the internet. Lauren was concerned about the affordability in Acton but agreed with the residency requirement. Peter said he too agreed that the person should reside in Acton. Andy also agreed with the residency requirement, and wanted to make sure we could work with them regarding a time frame for relocating as well as a moving allowance. It was decided that the ad should say Residency is preferred.

Peter Ashton suggested a packet to be sent to candidates. Peter Ashton noted the article in the Selectmen's Handbook addressing the Hiring of a Town Manager.

Peter Ashton presented his timeline. Ads will be placed in trade issues for June 1st and middle of August, is the time we should be getting resumes. The committee will identify questions for the interview process. Peter suggested that the individual committee members ask the same questions with each applicant. The Board will need to decide what materials are to be required from the applicant. The screening of the candidates will begin in early September, and we will notify those we want to interview during middle of September through November. It is a five month process and Peter feels it is doable. He has researched the time frame for filling the position and it is around 5 months.